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Docket No.: 826.1034C2D2D2D

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shoji HAYA SHIDA

Serial No. 10/045,094

Group Art Unit: 2876

Confirmation No. 3711

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Examiner: Harold I Pitts

For: AN ELECTRONIC CASHLESS SYSTEM

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 2, 2003. A Petition for a 3-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 2, 2003. This Response is timely filed on May 29, 2003.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 are pending.

The Examiner on page 4 of the Action appears to reject claims 1-7 under 35 USC 112, which the Applicant understands as requiring reading the claimed features on the specification.

Further, the Examiner appears to be rejecting claims 1-7 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the prior art of record and the European Opposition information of the counterpart European patent application of the above-identified patent application, which were disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed August 30, 2003.

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